

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

2007

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1988 the United States Congress authorized Hispanic Heritage Month to be observed from September 15 to October 15 to encourage all citizens to recognize, understand and appreciate the contributions of Hispanic-Americans; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Census Bureau, more than 593,000 residents of North Carolina are of Hispanic background, and Americans of Hispanic descent make contributions in every facet of our society; and

WHEREAS, according to a University of North Carolina 2006 study, more than \$9.2 billion dollars flow into North Carolina's economy by the state's Hispanic community, and that has an enormous impact which positively contributes to the quality of life for all North Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans enrich our culture and arts, serve at every level of government, contribute to our state's economy by creating business opportunities and jobs, serve valiantly in the military and law enforcement; and have played a significant role in making our state strong and prosperous; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month pays tribute to and recognizes the numerous outstanding accomplishments, past and present, that these individuals made to our state, nation and the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 15-October 15, 2007, as "**HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**" in North Carolina and call upon the citizens of this State to observe and commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month as we move forward with our agenda for "One North Carolina."



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fourth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.